

Nineteenth Century Korea

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Course Requirements: Students will be expected to read each week's assignments and to write a 4-6 page reaction paper. Reaction papers are due by 5 p.m. on the day before class and should be posted on the course website discussion forum. Students will take turns leading classroom discussions. Ph.D. students majoring in Korean history are required to read all materials, including those in the Korean and Japanese languages. M.A. students and students not majoring in Korean history are required to read only English language materials, but are encouraged to read Korean and Japanese language materials if they have the linguistic skills.

Evaluation: Students will be graded on their reaction papers (50%), their participation in classroom discussion (40%), and their leadership of discussion (10%).

Course Description: This is a graduate reading course covering the political, diplomatic, social, economic, intellectual and cultural history of Korea during the crucial years from 1800 to 1910. Topics to be covered include domestic politics and peasant rebellions, Korea's incorporation into the Western-dominated nation-state system and its annexation by Japan, social and economic change before and after the opening of the ports in 1876, the irruption of Western civilization and the ensuing struggle among radical reformers, moderate reformers, and defenders of the old order, and changes in popular culture before and after the opening of the ports.

Course Outline: (Items marked with * are supplementary readings)

Week One: Introduction to Course & Questions of Historical Periodization

Pomeranz, Kenneth, "Teleology, Discontinuity & World History," *Asian Review of World Histories* 1:2 (July 2013), 189-226

Goldstone, Jack, "The Problem of the 'Early Modern' World", *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 41/3 (1998), 249-284.

Karlsson, Anders. "Recent Western European Historical Studies on 'Pre-modern' Korea and the Idea of 'Modernity' Revisited," *International Journal of Korean History* 18-1 (2013) 185-202.

Part One: Politics, Domestic and Diplomatic

Week Two: On the Eve: In-law Government and the Rule of the Taewŏn'gun

Kang Man-gil, *Kochy'ŏssŭn Han'guk kŭndaesa* (Seoul: Ch'angjak kwa pip'yŏngsa, 2004) 42-50

Palais, James B., *Politics and Policy in Traditional Korea* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1975).

- Karlsson, Anders, "Famine Relief, Social Order, and State Performance in Late Chosŏn Korea," *Journal of Korean Studies* 12 (2007) 113-141.
- *Choe, Ching Young, *The Rule of the Taewŏn'gun, 1864-1873* (Cambridge: Harvard University Asia Center, 1972)
- *Kuksa p'yŏnch'an wiwŏnhoe, *Han'guksa* v 32 (Kwach'ŏn: Kuksa p'yŏnch'an wiwŏnhoe, 1997) 201-284.

Week Three: The Opening and Closing of Korea: From Tributary to Independent State to Colony

- Kang Man-gil, *Koch'yŏssŭn Han'guk kŭndaesa*, 82-91, 220-261.
- Larsen, Kirk, *Tradition, Treaties, and Trade: Qing Imperialism in Chosŏn Korea, 1850-1910*, (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2008).
- Van Lieu, Joshua, "The Politics of Condolence: Contested Representations of Tribute in Late Nineteenth-Century Chosŏn-Qing Relations." *The Journal of Korean Studies* 14:1 (Fall 2009): 83-115.
- Moon, Yumi, *Populist Collaborators: The Ilchinhoe and the Japanese Colonization of Korea, 1896-1910* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2013).
- Kim Seonmin, *Ginseng and Borderland: Territorial Boundaries and Political Relations between Qing China and Chosŏn Korea, 1636–1912* (Berkeley & Los Angeles: University of California Press, 2017), Introduction, Ch. 5, Conclusion.
- *Dudden, Alexis, *Japan's Colonization of Korea: Discourse and Power* (Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2005).
- *Duus, Peter, *The Abacus and the Sword: The Japanese Penetration of Korea, 1895-1910* (Berkeley: Univ. of California, 1998) 201-241.
- *Finch, Michael, *Min Yŏng-hwan: A Political Biography* (Honolulu: Univ of Hawaii, 2002).

Part Two: Social, Economic, and Intellectual Change

Week Four: Society: Tensions, Change and Urbanization

- Kang Man-gil, *Koch'yŏssŭn Han'guk kŭndaesa*, 154-185.
- Hwang, Kyung Moon, *Beyond Birth: Social Status in the Emergence of Modern Korea* (Cambridge: Harvard University Asia Center, 2004).
- Kim, Sun Joo. "Fragmented: The T'ongch'ŏng Movements by Marginalized Social Groups in Late Chosŏn Korea," *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies* 68-1 (2008) 135-168.
- Yi, Yŏnghun, "18-19 segi Taejŏ-ri ŭi sinbun kusŏng kwa chach'i chilsŏ" in An Pyŏngjik & Yi Yŏnghun, eds., *Matchil ŭi nongmin tŭl*, Seoul: Ilcho kak, 2002)
- Kim Sun Joo and Jungwon Kim, trans. and ed., *Wrongful Deaths: Selected Inquest Records from Nineteenth-Century Korea* (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2014).
- Yi, Tae-jin. "The Nature of Seoul's Modern Urban Development during the 18th and 19th Centuries." *Korea Journal* 35:3 (Autumn 1995): 5-30.

- Lee, Sinwoo. "Blurring Boundaries: Mixed Residence, Extraterritoriality and Citizenship in Seoul, 1876-1910," *Journal of Korean Studies* 21-1 (2016) 71-100.
- Hong Soon Kwŏn. "Formation of the Modern City of Busan: Focusing on the Space and Culture of the Japanese Settlement in Busan before 1910," *Korea Journal* (August 2008) 1-35.
- *Ko Dong-hwan. "The Characteristics of the Urban Development of Seoul during the Late Chosŏn Dynasty: With a Focus on the Changes in Urban Structure." *Seoul Journal of Korean Studies* 10 (1997): 95-123.
- *Ichida, Jun. *Brokers of Empire: Japanese Settler Colonialism in Korea—1876-1945* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2012) pp 7-95.

Week Five: Economic Change

- Kang Man-gil, *Koch'yŏssŭn Han'guk kŭndaesa*, 302-349.
- Totman, Conrad, *Pre-industrial Korea and Japan in Environmental Perspective* (Leiden: Brill, 2005) 1-9, 142-171.
- Rhee Younghoon, "The Nineteenth Century Crisis in the Chosŏn Economy," (unpublished translation of "19 segi Chosŏn wangjo ūi kyŏngje ch'eje ūi wigi," *Chosŏn sidae sahakpo* 43 (2007), pp 1-17.
- Kim Yong-sop (Kim Yongsŏp), "The Two Courses of Agrarian Reform in Korea's Modernization," in Pang Kie-chung and Michael D. Shin, eds., *Landlords, Peasants, and Intellectuals in Modern Korea* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2005).
- Gragert, Edwin H., *Landownership under Colonial Rule: Korea's Japanese Experience, 1900-1935* (Honolulu: Univ. of Hawaii, 1994) 1-73.
- Kahm, Howard, "Colonial Finance: Daiichi Bank and the Bank of Chosen in Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century Korea, Japan, and Manchuria," Ph.D. Dissertation, UCLA (2012), 1-73.
- *Kim Yunhee, "Credit Transactions and the Co-Dependence Strategy Adopted by Three Countries' Merchants in the Foreign Areas of Seoul and Inch'ŏn (1897-1905)," *International Journal of Korean History* 4 (2003) 167-216.
- *Ishikawa Ryotaro, "Commercial Activities of Chinese Merchants in the Late Nineteenth Century Korea: with a Focus on the Documents of Tong Shun Tai Archived at Seoul National University, South Korea," *International Journal of Korean History* 13 (2009) 75-97.

Week Six: Shifting Intellectual Currents

- Kang Man-gil, *Koch'yŏssŭn Han'guk kŭndaesa*, 186-234, 211-219, 350-372.
- Schmid, Andre, *Korea between Empires, 1895-1919* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2002).
- De Ceuster, Koen, "The World in a Book: Yu Kilchun's *Sŏyu kyŏnmun*," in Remco Breuker, ed., *Korea in the Middle: Korean Studies and Areas Studies—Essays in Honor of Boudewijn Walraven* (Leiden: CNWS Publications, 2007) pp 67-96.
- Duncan, John, "The Confucian Context of Reform," in Kim, Duncan, and Kim, eds., *Reform and Modernity in the Taehan Empire*, 105-125.

- Cho Eunsu, "Re-thinking Late 19th Century Chosŏn Buddhist Society," *Acta Koreana* (6-2) July 2003.
- Cha, Paul, "Unequal Partners, Contested Relations: Protestant Missionaries and Korean Christians, 1884–1907," *The Journal of Korean Studies* 17, no. 1 (Spring 2012): 5–38
- Tikhanov, Vladimir. "The Race and Racism Discourses in Modern Korean, 1890s-1910s," *Korean Studies* 36 (2012) 31-57.
- *Park Joo-won, "The Formation and Transformation of the Concept of the Modern 'Individual' in Korea," *Korea Journal* 45-3 (Autum 2005) 160-184.
- *Kim Dohyung (To-hyŏng), *Taehan chekukki ūi chŏngch'i sasang* (Seoul: Chisik sanŏpsa, 1994), 11-310.
- *Park Myoung Kyu, "Emergence of the 'Social' in Modern Korea," *Korea Journal* 45-3 (Autumn 2005), 137-159.
- *Chung, Chai-sik, *A Korean Encounter with the Modern World: Yi Hang-no and the West* (Berkeley: East Asia Institute, Univ. of California, 1995).

Part Three: Reform Movements

Week Seven: Westernizing Reforms

- Kang Man-gil, *Koch'yŏssŭn Han'guk kŭndaesa*, 275-301.
- Ch'oe Yong-ho, "The Kapsin Coup of 1884: A Reassessment," *Korean Studies* 6 (1982).
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- Cho Jae-gon, "The Industrial Promotion Policy and Commercial Structure of the Taehan Empire," in Kim, Duncan, and Kim, eds., *Reform and Modernity in the Taehan Empire*, pp 235-266.
- Son, Min Suh, "Enlightenment and Electrification: The Introduction of Electric Light, Telegraph, and Streetcars in Late Nineteenth Century Korea, in Kim, Duncan, and Kim, eds., *Reform and Modernity in the Taehan Empire*, pp 267-298.
- Kim, Sonja, "Searching for Health: Translating Wisaeng and Medicine during the Taehan Empire," in Kim, Duncan, and Kim, eds., *Reform and Modernity in the Taehan Empire*, pp 299-341.
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- *Shin Dongwon, "Hygiene, Medicine, and Modernity in Korea, 1876–1910," *East Asian Science, Technology and Society: an International Journal* (2009) 3:5–26
- *Kim Tongt'aek, "Kungmin suji rŭl t'onghaebon kŭndae kungmin," in Ewha yŏdae han'guk munhwa yŏn'guwŏn, ed., *Kŭndae kyemonggi chisik kaenyŏm ūi suyong kwa kŭ pyŏnyong* (Seoul: Somyŏng ch'ulp'an, 2004).

Week Eight: The Rise of a New Literate Public

- Kang Man-gil, *Koch'yössŭn Han'guk kŭndaesa*, 373-383
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- Lim Sang-seok, "A Comparative Study of Gukhanmun Style in *Seoyu gyeonmun* and Mixed Style in *Seiyo jijo*: A Study in the Formation of Gukhanmun Style in Korea," *Korea Journal* 54-2 (2014) 105-127.
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- *Kwŏn Yŏngmin, "Enlightenment Period Fiction and the Formation of a Writer Class," *ibid.*
- *McCann, David, "Texts as Contracts in the Political Economy of Korea, 1896-1926," *ibid.*

Part Four: Resistance From Below

Week Nine: 1811 & 1862: Local Elites, Peasants & Rebellion

- Kang Man-gil, *Koch'yössŭn Han'guk kŭndaesa*, 51-65, 202-210.
- An Pyŏnguk, "The Growth of Popular Consciousness and Popular Movement in the 19th Century," *Korea Journal* 28-4 (1988).
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Week Ten: 1862-1910: The Stirrings of Popular Nationalism

- Kang Man-gil, *Koch'yössŭn Han'guk kŭndaesa*, 262-274.
- Walraven, Boudewijn, "Religion and the City: Seoul in the Nineteenth Century," *The Review of Korean Studies* 3-1 (2000).

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- Tikhonov, Vladimir, "Masculinizing the Nation: Gender Ideologies in Traditional Korea and in the 1880s-1900s Korean Enlightenment Discourse," *Journal of Asian Studies* 66-4 (2007) 1029-1065.
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- * Kim Dohyung, *Taehan chegukki ūi chŏngch'i sasang yŏn'gu*, 311-370.
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